



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

In this day of hurry and rushing around, fighting traffic on and off the freeways, standing in line, and the ever present array of taxes and rising costs, it has become necessary to relax as much as possible. To those who can, it would be very beneficial to take time out and go fishing at some nearby lake or stream or on one of the many sport fishing boats that leave daily from San Diego to San Francisco.

In the summer months, when hunting seasons are closed, visit one of the local trap or skeet ranges, if you happen to be a hunter. You may be astounded at the competitive action of a clay pigeon. During the winter, even the cold and wet conditions you find on a duck hunt or trying to scare up a rabbit or a covey of quail, is a satisfying and relaxing feeling.

To say the least, to get away from it all with a fishing rod or a shotgun is becoming more and more a necessity.

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We of the Torrance Rod and Gun Club feel that if we could get more people interested in the great outdoors, daily problems would be much easier to overcome.

Unlike most of the sportsmen's organizations, our membership is made up of both men and women. We have members of the so-called weaker sex that are very strong when it comes to bringing an albacore to gaff, putting a limit of bluegill on the stringer, or bringing a darting dove or pheasant to earth in a flurry of feathers. We also have junior memberships and from time to time have outdoor activities for these young sportsmen.

Among our other doings are fish fries, steak fries, dances, work parties, visits to other clubs, fishing derbies and trap shoots, both in our own organization and in competition with other sporting groups.

Our meeting nights are the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at 8 p.m. and lasting a couple of hours.

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Whether or not you are an expert in any line of sports, come on over and pay us a visit. We especially welcome strangers. Just come in and let us now you are a first timer and I am sure you will be more than welcome.

Late flasher: Hunting-None, season closed. Fishing-Rock Cod are plentiful and with the sunny weather the fresh water picture will change in the days to come. There are some barred perch, at Newport, to two and a half pounds. If at all possible we will pinpoint the spots where the fish are hanging out.

See you at our next meeting, which will be Feb. 18. It's on the corner of Border and Plaza Del Amo.

Baseball's New Czar

Bowie Kuhn, a 42-year-old attorney, will serve as commissioner of baseball on a pro-tem basis for one year. His contract is for \$100,000. His predecessor William D. Eckert had a \$65,000 contract.

Eckert gave up his position as baseball's top executive in December following a 3-year hitch.

Kuhn is a member of the New York law firm that represents the National League, but he is an unknown outside of baseball circles.

Kuhn, who was picked unanimously by the 24 owners as a compromise candidate after being recommended by a seven-man committee, promptly said of a threatened player strike:

"I would be surprised if spring training does not get off as scheduled."

Kuhn had been working for the owners as counsel on the Player Relations Committee which is trying to reach an agreement with the players on the funding of the pension plan. As commissioner, he said he would disassociate himself from the committee.

The selection not only surprised the sports world, but also the new commissioner himself. He found out about it only a short time before the announcement.

But he said he was looking forward to the job, adding, "Every American boy dreams of being commissioner and I'm no different than anybody else."

"I'm honored and delighted to take over this important job to lead baseball in a meaningful restructuring," he said. "I'm very delighted in the 24 votes. This can be done only with that kind of support."

Kuhn's primary duty will be to work with the Planning Committee in an effort to restructure baseball, including such things as combining the league offices into one headquarters.

Kuhn is a member of the Wall Street law firm of Wilkie, Farr and Gallagher, which has been counsel for the National League since the mid 1930s.

Kuhn, a graduate of Princeton in 1948 and the University of Virginia Law School, has been active in baseball legislation since 1950.

In other action taken by the owners, Mike Burke of the Yankees and Chub Feeney of the Giants, who had been the frontrunners for the commissioners job, were appointed to the owners' planning committee.

Frank Dale, president of the Cincinnati Reds, said Kuhn's appointment was a "major breakthrough for baseball. Maybe today for the last time we saw separate league causes."

When Dale was asked why the term "pro tem" was included in Kuhn's title, he said, "The term has not been defined but literally it means 'for the time being.'" But Dale added the appointment was for a one-year term.



SAXTON ROYALTY . . . Reigning during the halftime of tonight's Bay League basketball game between North High and Hawthorne are this year's queen and her court (left to right) Lelia Laitio, freshman princess; Jo Anne Rogers, senior princess; Mary Williams, queen; Karen Scally, junior princess; and Peggy Johnson, sophomore princess. North High is undefeated in nine Bay League games.

Press-Herald SPORTS

A-6 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1969

Torrance To Battle Monarchs

Torrance and Morningside tangle in a featured Sky League basketball game tonight. The Monarchs can virtually win the championship with a home court win over Torrance. They went through the first round undefeated and Torrance has commanded second place with a 5-1 record.

In other games around the league Leuzinger plays at Culver City and Palos Verdes mixes with Rolling Hills in a rivalry on the peninsula.

In the Camino Real League Serra will try to move closer to the title with its game against Bishop Montgomery. The Cavaliers have lost once while Montgomery has won only twice during the campaign.

Montgomery dropped an 82-62 verdict to Mt. Carmel Tuesday night.

Fermin Lasuen is also in the race for the pennant. The Padres crushed Crespi, 79-47, in Tuesday's action.

Amateurs Fight at El Monte

Promotor Sammy Sanders has lined up another amateur boxing card at the El Monte Legion Stadium Saturday night.

Pete Vital Jr., an El Monte High product who is looking forward to turning pro in April, will fight in the lightweight division.

He will fight Roberto Gomez during the 11-bout card, which will also include three Golden Gloves matches.

A grudge rematch is also on tap between Jimmy Brown and Leon Wesley, as a result of their toe-to-toe slugfest in their Golden Gloves elimination bout won by Brown last Friday night.

There was some question in Wesley's manager's mind as to who really won the fight.

The El Monte Legion Stadium is located at 11155 Valley Boulevard.

Prep Cage Schedule

BAY LEAGUE
Hawthorne at North.
Inglewood at Mira Costa.
Redondo at South.
West at Santa Monica.

CAMINO REAL LEAGUE
Montgomery at Serra.
Mt. Carmel at Lasuen.
St. Bernard at Murphy.
St. Monica at Crespi.

PIONEER LEAGUE
Aviation vs. Miraleste.
El Segundo at Beverly Hills.
Lennox at Lawndale.

SKY LEAGUE
Morningside at Torrance.
Palos Verdes at Rolling Hills.
Leuzinger at Culver City.

Bay League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
North	9	0	1.000	—
South	4	3	.447	3
Redondo	5	4	.556	4
Mira Costa	5	4	.556	4
West	4	5	.444	5
Hawthorne	4	5	.444	5
Inglewood	2	7	.222	7
Santa Monica	1	8	.111	8

Wednesday's Results
North 70, Redondo 57
South 10, Inglewood 49
Mira Costa 84, Santa Monica 72
West 71, Hawthorne 44.

FLOODS HAMPER FISHING

Because of flood conditions, the Department of Fish and Game plans no stocking of catchable-size trout this week in Southern California.

Flooding streams, muddied reservoirs and washed-out roads caused cancellation of the DFG's planting program until the waters settle down and road conditions have improved.

William Richardson, regional inland fisheries management supervisor for the DFG, said only limited planting of catchables can be expected until late February or early March. He said the big spring planting push won't start until the risk of flooding has passed.

Winners Named in Bowling

A near record of 530 teams produced 18 division champions in the sixth annual Holiday Junior Doubles Bowling Championships.

In the finals at the Bowl-O-Drome, David Holden and Paul Goden took the bantam boys' division with a handicap score of 1,077.

The junior boys' event ended in a tie between Ken Kopatz and Tom Hefarty (1,272) and Don Vancil and Doug Shotwell.

In the senior mixed competition Alison Schatan and Chris Blough of Torrance had a scratch score of 1,045 and in the senior boys' class Terry Smith and Steve Marks of Redondo rolled a 1,392 handicap.

Successfully defending their titles this year were Cheryl Kolinsky and Debbie Stewart, El Dorado Bowl, Westchester, Senior Girls' Division, and Martha McGowan and Randy Holland, University Lanes, San Diego, Senior Mixed Division.

Stellar individual performances were turned in by Don Vancil, Century Bowl, Lynwood, 684 (236, 256, 192); Carl Pinkard, Tournament Bowl, Oxnard, 686 (224, 227, 235); Steve Marks, South Bay Bowl, Redondo Beach, 669 (267, 221, 181); Shelley Levinson, Pickwick Bowl, Burbank, 665 (204, 202, 259) and Debbie Stewart, Cal Bowl, Long Beach, 604 (188, 204, 212).

Northwest Clubs Face Tough UCLA

Out of the Northwest come two basketball teams with conference (4-1) and season (11-6) records—the Washington Huskies and Washington State Cougars—to challenge UCLA's pace-setting Bruins (4-0 and 16-0) for leadership in the 14-game Pacific-8 race.

Tonight's game with the Huskies tips off in Pauley Pavilion at 8 p.m., following a 5:45 preliminary contest between Fresno State Frosh and UCLA Frosh.

Bob Richards To Peddle Bicycle Across Country

Bob Richards, the pole-vaulter preacher who became an Olympic champion, said he will jog and bicycle from Los Angeles to New York in an effort to "get Americans off their duffs." He will cross through deserts, over mountains, go along secondary roads and through a dozen big cities hoping "like the Pied Piper" to get people—including governors and mayors—to job along with him in their areas.

The trim, 43-year-old athlete plans to pedal through the countryside and jog through the cities, putting in four to six hours a day starting June 1 under the auspices of the National Jogging Association.

"It'll take about three months," he said. "I hope to arouse the young and old to the concept of conditioning their bodies, to get off their duffs and get their legs in shape. It's good for the heart and lungs and develops a new enthusiasm for life."

"We may even swim the Mississippi River just to get in a plug for swimming, too," he said.

"We've become soft morally, soft mentally and soft spiritually. We've lost our sense of challenge," said Richards.

Redondo, South Eye Second Spot

The Bay League came up almost all Torrance Wednesday. North, South and West each won a key game in the basketball standings.

North High's 70-57 win over Redondo accounted for the team's ninth straight victory. Dan Anderson collected 21 points and Harlan Peet had 20 in the game. The loss left Redondo four games behind North and one behind South in the standings.

South (6-3) has a momentary grip on second place, but the Spartans run into pesky Redondo (5-4) tonight at South High. West (4-5) pulled even with Hawthorne with a 71-64 victory in the loser's gym Wednesday. Bill Kolodziejczak bagged 31 points and 20 rebounds in the contest.

Moving up almost unnoticed in the standings is Mira Costa which disposed of Redondo last weekend and bowled over Santa Monica, 84-72, this week. Mira Costa (5-4) is tied with Redondo and is in a position to move into company with South and Redondo this weekend. Mira Costa meets Inglewood (2-7) this evening.

Hawthorne, loser of the last four games, is scheduled to run into North tonight in the Saxon gym.

But with five games remaining for the year, North is one game away from clinching a berth in the playoffs and two games from clinching a tie for the championship.

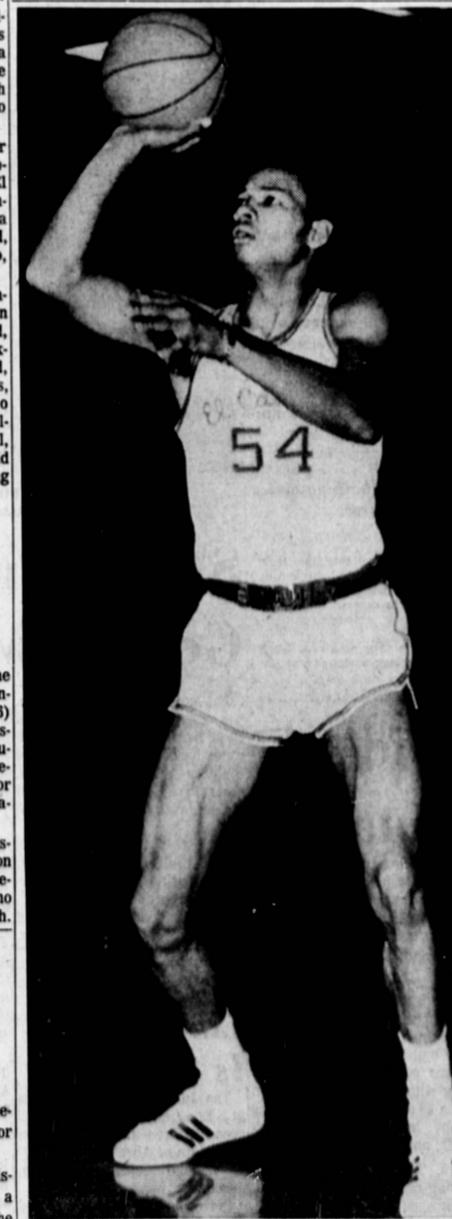
Those who like suspense will just have to concentrate on second place.

Some games during the season seem to be more important than others inasmuch as they are twice as rewarding.

South is faced with that type of a game tonight in which victory would accomplish a 7-3 record and just about eliminate Redondo for keeps.

Redondo relies on the all-around talents of little Robbie Fowler while South has an array of height.

Spartan Mike Cloyd scored 26 against Inglewood Wednesday.



HIGH SCORER . . . Although El Camino College is winless in eight Metropolitan Conference basketball games, one member of the team consistently in the 15-20 point range is Danny Daniels. He is a sophomore. El Camino plays at Valley tonight and at Cerritos tomorrow against the No. 1 rated team.

Falcons Rated No. 1

A 64-62 decision for Pierce dropped El Camino deeper into the Metropolitan Conference basketball cellar Tuesday. Coach George Stanich's Warriors have lost their eight conference games. They travel to Valley tonight and Cerritos tomorrow.

No. 1 ranked Cerritos College travels to Bakersfield tonight.

Coach Jim Killingsworth is concerned whether his defending state championship squad will be involved in a repeat performance of last year's trip to Bakersfield. The 'Gades were one of only three teams last season to defeat the Falcons and the home court has a decided advantage in Bakersfield, as any Metro coach will admit.

Although Killingsworth's quintet downed the Renegades, 84-58, earlier this season, he discounts the victory almost entirely. "Last year we beat Bakersfield, 81-61, on our home court, but when we played up there three weeks later they whipped us 67-62. We're going to be thinking about that and try not to let it happen again," he said.

The Falcons stretched their season's record to 2-2 over the weekend while topping Metro leader Pasadena and gaining a tie for the league lead. By virtue of their 76-65 win over Pierce College Friday night and the cliff-hanger 52-50 win over Pasadena Saturday night, the Falcons went into a tie for the Metro lead with a 6-1 conference record.

Forward John Van Vliet led the raptors against Pierce with a 21-point outburst, while grabbing 18 rebounds. Playing perhaps his best game of the season, the 6-6 La Mirada sophomore hit on 5 of 10 field goal attempts and 11 of 18 free throws. Center Bobby Horn added 16 points and 10 rebounds, while guard Tony Rodriguez scored 12.

Nordskog To Test Engines

A pair of huge new engines generating over 1,200 horsepower and coming within two cubic inches of the legal displacement limit will be tested by Bob Nordskog of Van Nuys in the first annual Long Beach-Catalina Island Cruise for offshore power boats.

The Van Nuys industrialists, fourth in national offshore point standings in 1968, has installed a pair of 499-cubic-inch Nordskog Chevy engines in his 28-foot Thunderbird Formula hull, Holocast.

A fleet of as many as 24 racers depart Saturday at 10 a.m. off Long Beach's Belmont Shore Pier. Each engine rates at over 600 h.p.

The race calls for an overnight stay in Avalon Harbor and a 10 a.m. departure Sunday for Belmont Shore.

Two Games Scheduled For Harbor

Harbor College goes into the second half of the Western State Conference basketball season with two convincing victories and only one thought: victory.

"I expect to win," said Harbor Coach Jim White, "I don't see why we can't beat any team in the league. In the games we've lost, we've beaten ourselves."

The Hawks are 4-4 with one game (against Santa Barbara) to be played later. With every game counting heavily, the Hawks have two tough ones coming up. They travel to Los Angeles Southwest tonight and return home to face Ventura Saturday.

With wins against East L.A. and Ventura, both 5-4, Harbor can move into fourth place behind Los Angeles, Moorpark and Compton. Currently, the Hawks are tied with Glendale for fifth.

In their first encounter, ELAC, behind 29 and 25 point performances from Mark Duran and Mike Dunning, downed Harbor 91-86. The Hawks, according to White, played their worst game of the year.

Harbor then tripped Southwest 91-79, despite the Cougars' Ronnie Burd's 26 points. Harbor's Dennis Blackshear became a one-man team against Ventura, scoring 24 points and grabbing 22 rebounds, as the Hawks nipped the Pirates 88-86 in overtime.